

Attachment B

BYLAWS FOR THE SUMNER COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this council shall be the Sumner County Health Council. This body shall be hereafter referred to as “Council” and will exist within the geographic boundaries of Sumner County, Tennessee. The Council shall exist as a voluntary membership community service organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND GOALS

The overall mission of the Council is to assist the Department of Health by advising the Department regarding the health needs of Sumner County and thus assist the Department in its responsibility to undertake “Community Diagnosis”. The Council will promote the prevention of premature death, disability, and illness by developing a Sumner County community health plan for recommendation to the Department. The role of the Department of Health is to support the Council by providing the resources needed by the Council to undertake the work, and by facilitating the planning process. The following is a proposed objectives statement. The mission of the Council is to assist the Department of Health by:

1. Developing a community health plan, which includes health problem and needs identification.
2. Developing goals, objectives, and plans of action to meet these needs along with identifying and securing resources to address these needs.
3. Establishing priorities for all identified health problems.
4. Identifying department/organization work teams and community agencies which should coordinate efforts with respect to each health problem.
5. Drafting and presenting to the Department of Health the recommended health plan.
6. Promoting and supporting the importance of reducing the health problems to the Department and the community.
7. Maintaining good communications with the Department via periodic reports from the Council through the Regional Health Council Representative and Community Development Staff.
8. Listening to community organizations present the unique needs of the segment of the community by which they serve.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY

1. The Council shall exist as an advisory and support body to Tennessee Department of Health solely for the purposes stated herein and shall not be vested with any legal authority described to Tennessee Department of Health, the State of Tennessee or any of its political subdivisions. Recommendations of the Council will not be binding upon Tennessee Department of Health and the Council is not granted authority to act on behalf of the Department of Health without specific prior written authorization.
2. The Council shall not have the authority to generate, or otherwise receive funds or property on its own behalf. Further, the Council shall not generate or receive any monies or properties on behalf of Tennessee Department of Health without specific prior approval in writing. Should such authorization be issued any monies or properties thereby arising shall be designated for and relinquished directly to Tennessee Department of Health for appropriate accounting and allocation according to Tennessee Department of Health applicable Department of Health policy.

ARTICLE. IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. NUMBER. The Council shall consist of no less than 10 members and no more than 25. A vacancy shall not prevent the Council from conducting business. Membership will be restricted to Residents of Sumner County. The Council shall consist of an adequate number of voting members so as to be effectively representative of all segments of the community. Leaders in the areas of health care, education, finance, business, industry, civic organizations, social welfare organizations, advocacy groups,